

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Obszarny, U.S. Patent No. 5,905,019 (hereinafter: "Obszarny").

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the recitation "electrical or". Claim 1 is now directed to a method of adhering a coating to an opto-electronic surface of a device produced in a CMOS process. Claim 1 has also been amended to limit the adhesion promoter to "a hybrid organic-inorganic material which is partially or fully fluorinated."

Applicants respectfully submit that Obszarny fails to anticipate the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). The silane compound presented as an example in Obszarny, hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS), is not suitable for opto-electronic apparatuses. It has a refraction index greater than 1.5 in the range of visible light. By contrast, partially or fully fluorinated materials, as described in paragraphs [0027], [0028] and [0030] of the specification of the present application, have lower indices and are transparent, which makes them suitable for the indicated use.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of the claims is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

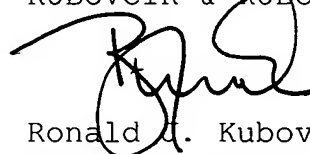
The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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